

WEEKEND

FRIDAY

SXSW

South By Southwest begins today. More information is available at [sxsw.com](http://sxsw.com) and in the inserted supplement to today's paper.

Ride 'em, cowboy

The 2011 Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo begins today at the Travis County Expo Center. Adult fairground tickets are \$7, while rodeo and concert tickets start at \$37, including fairground admission.

SATURDAY

The Pork Experiment

The Brooklyn Brewery is holding a pork cooking contest Saturday at Club de Ville from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at the door and audience members also get to taste the dishes.

'Get Up'

Mohawk is hosting an official SXSW opening night after party Saturday with performers including Washed Out, DJ Premier and Black Joe Lewis & the Honeybears. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show is free, but an RSVP at [about.ning.com/sxsw/](http://about.ning.com/sxsw/) is required.

SUNDAY

Equine ballet

The dancing Lipizzaner Stallions are performing Sunday at the Frank Erwin Center at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$22.50.

Texas baseball

Longhorns are playing the Brown University Bears at 2 p.m. Sunday at UFCU Disch-Falk Field. Tickets are \$7.

Today in history

In 2006

Michelle Bachelet is inaugurated becoming the first female president of Chile.

Campus watch

Breaking news

2300 block of Speedway  
A UT student struck a UT staff member's vehicle with a fist as he attempted to pass the student who was walking in the street. The staff member got into a verbal confrontation with the student. The student then took another swing at him during the confrontation.

Quote to note

"It's all in the spectrum of being human. Whether you're homeless or live in a big house, we're all the same."

— Michael O'Brien, Photographer

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## Accusals delay SG results

By Ahsika Sanders  
Daily Texan Staff

It might be after spring break before students know who the new Student Government president and vice president will be. An election code violation hearing Thursday resulted in appeals on both sides and no decision in sight.

Abel Mulugheta and Sameer Desai's campaign accused the Natalie Butler and Ashley Baker campaign of violating a moratorium against campaigning that the Election Supervisory Board issued from 12:45 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday. Butler and Baker received the penalty for failing to remain within three feet of their signs.

Mulugheta and Desai argued that Butler's campaign failed to remove signs in West Campus and campaign materials online. Mulugheta's and Desai's campaign was also under a moratorium from 12:45 to 4 p.m. for failing to remain within three feet of their signs and also for collecting votes in Jester Dormitory. The election code prohibits campaigns from collecting votes on campus. Both teams previously received fines for failing to stay close to their signs.

Finance junior Aakash Kumar argued on behalf of Mulugheta and Desai, saying each campaign team was issued a moratorium and the Butler-Baker signs that weren't taken down in West Campus gave them an unfair advantage.

"This is a blatant violation of the code, and it happened before," Kumar said about Butler and Baker's failure to remove all signage during the moratorium. "You hit them with a fine, and they didn't stop; you hit them with a moratorium, and they

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Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Presidential candidate Abel Mulugheta whispers to Abdul Pasha, who represented his alliance during the appeal Thursday night. Both alliances broke the rules of a moratorium, freezing election decisions until further notice.



Lawrence Pearl | Daily Texan Staff

Texas freshman Tristan Thompson puts in a dunk Thursday night against the Sooners. Thompson had 13 points, 11 rebounds and blocked two shots.

## OKLAHOMA BREAK DOWN

By Will Anderson

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — You could call it a comeback for Jordan Hamilton if the sophomore swingman didn't already average a team-best 18.5 points per outing.

But after a five-game slump in which he hit just 31.5 percent of his shots, Thursday's 22-point performance was a turnaround of sorts for Hamilton as Texas defeated Oklahoma 74-54 in the second round of the Big 12 tournament.

"I had some days off, and we had a chance to go on and practice and execute and listen to what Coach has been saying," Hamilton said.

Hamilton was dangerous in close, scoring eight of his points in the paint, and from afar with two treys plus a few more long jumpers.

"He knows when to take shots and when to turn them down," said Texas guard Dogus Balbay. "We believe in him."

On a day when top-seeded Kansas barely escaped Oklahoma State and No. 4 seed Kansas State fell, the Longhorns (26-6, 14-3 Big 12) blew out the Sooners. They showed signs of their mid-season form — when they rattled off a

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ON the LEGE

## Bills to require vaccine shots for meningitis at University

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a six-part series examining bills that could impact the lives of students.

By Melissa Ayala  
Daily Texan Staff

After Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugarland, spoke at the funeral of a constituent who died from bacterial meningitis, he decided to push legislation that would require all students to get a vaccine against the disease before entering college.

Texas A&M junior Nicolis Williams' family said they hoped other students would not contract the same disease as their son, and Howard said he agreed with their sentiment.

"Even before the funeral, what they were more concerned about was that this didn't happen to students in the future," Howard said. "That really made an impression on me."

Current law, which is the Jamie Schanbaum Act passed in 2009, requires all incoming students who will live in residence halls to receive the vaccine. Schanbaum was a sophomore at UT when she contracted bacterial meningitis in 2008. She had not gotten the vaccine because she lived off campus.

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## Program to redesign entry-level courses

By Matthew Stottlemire  
Daily Texan Staff

Faculty and administrators are redesigning large, entry-level undergraduate classes to better engage students with hopes they will learn and retain more from the courses.

The University, with funding through the provost's office, has committed \$2.5 million to the newly created Course Transformation Program over at least three years, said Harrison Keller, vice provost for higher education policy and executive director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. The program provides funding and expert support from the Center for Teaching and Learning for faculty to design, implement and assess new teaching methods. The program focuses on courses that enroll more than 1,000 students at a time in multiple sections.

In the large courses, one in five students receive a failing grade or withdraw from the class, Keller said.

He said the program aims to lower the number of students who fail or withdraw while maintaining or improving the rigor of the courses.

"Can we help more students suc-

cessfully navigate these gateway courses while at least maintaining and hopefully improving quality?" Keller said.

gram. He said five classes which serve more than 9,000 students — two introductory biology, two chemistry and an introductory statistics class — will begin implementing methodology changes this fall.

Senior biology lecturer Sata Sathasivan led a group of faculty to write the proposal to include biology courses in the program. He said he has planned methods to improve students' ability to prepare for class and allow instructors to use lecture time more effectively. He said the planning has taken place in weekly meetings with the other biology faculty participating in the program and the teaching center's experts.

"We start with the learning objectives, examine the best ways of addressing them to students and then examine how we can assess the learning," Sathasivan said.

One possibility for improvement is to broaden access to online material organized by topic, including lecture segments on materials or concepts a student may be expected to know from a previous class but may have forgotten, said associate chemis-

“Can we help more students successfully navigate these gateway courses while at least maintaining and hopefully improving quality?”

— Harrison Keller, Vice provost for higher education policy

## KUT donors pledge support for station after threat of cuts

By William James  
Daily Texan Staff

When it comes to radio pledge drives, KUT deserves a Ph.D. for schooling every other local radio station in town.

The National Public Radio affiliate and University-operated radio station, KUT 90.5, announced Wednesday morning that more than 7,500 individuals and local businesses pledged more than \$1 million during the station's annual spring pledge drive. This success comes on the heels of last month's news that the U.S. House of Representatives approved cuts to NPR that could result in \$500,000 in losses for KUT.

This spring, Austinites donated record-breaking amounts to public radio. KOOP Radio has earned more than \$68,000 so far, and UT's student-run KVRX exceeded expectations with \$7,000 in to-

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donating to public radio, no matter how big or small the pledge.

“KUT’s pledge drives have incrementally grown as its audience grows as well,” said KUT director Stewart Vanderwilt. “This success was driven by the loyalty of our listeners and their awareness of the federal funding concerns public radio is currently facing.”

According to KUT and College of Communication spokeswoman Erin Geisler, if the U.S. Senate passes the House-approved bill to cut all federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the station could lose a significant amount of its budget.

“If passed, this [legislation] will have a huge impact on local stations, especially if those where [Corporation for Public Broadcasting] funding is roughly 40 percent of their overall budget,” Geisler said.

Federal funding for KUT amounts to about 7 percent, or \$500,000, of the station’s total budget, and Vanderwilt has not put a backup plan into effect yet. NPR is facing leadership challenges after CEO Vivian Schiller resigned over a recent controversy regarding an administrator who was caught on camera blasting the Tea Party.

“Educational broadcasting has been supported by government grants for nearly four decades and will not be wiped out in one legislative session,” Vanderwilt said.

TACOS ON THE GO



El Chilito employee Alyssa Collins puts a to-go order together while Francisco Guarca and Perry Hall work in the kitchen. El Chilito, a taco stand on Manor Road, specializes in authentic Mexican dishes to-go.

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Williams also lived off campus, and Howards said the 2009 law would not have helped either student. He said he hopes his bill will help all students.

“Students are our future; they are our hope,” Howard said. “We need to protect them in every way we can. That is the government’s role to protect our citizens.”

Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, also filed a meningitis bill in the state Senate. Both bills serve as an extension of current law bringing Texas into compliance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, according to Davis’ office.

Both bills would require incoming students to provide proof of the vaccination 10 days before the start of the semester or term.

University Health Services senior program coordinator Sherry Bell said meningococcal disease can be devastating because of its quick onset and the serious effects

it can leave.

“It can go from someone being perfectly well to them being dead in a couple of days,” Bell said. “It can cause meningitis, the inflammation of the brain and systemic blood poisoning, and those things can result in loss of limbs.”

According to the University Health Services website, between 1,400 and 3,000 people contract the disease each year. Despite treatment, Bell said 10-15 percent of people who get the disease die and 11-19 percent of survivors have lost fingers, toes, arms, legs and developed mental or developmental impairments.

Bell said administrators who would be potentially affected by the legislation will discuss the bills’ implications.

UHS currently offers the meningitis vaccine by appointment for \$127 for current and accepted students. Nutrition and premed junior Michelle Nguyen said the only downside would be the

financial impact it could have on students, especially those without health insurance.

“It doesn’t sound like a bad idea because meningitis is extraordinarily contagious, not just for people in dorms, but everyone within close quarters,” Nguyen said. “The only negativity I can imagine is it would force people to pay for the vaccination.”

Austin Regional Clinic physician Walter Kuhl said if the bill passes, there will not be much impact in the health care community because a dose is already required for Texas students entering seventh grade.

Howard anticipates the bill will pass because it has been favored by the Texas Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the three doctors in the House.

“I request the support of the students at UT,” he said. “I would like for them to be contacting their state representatives and senators that they would like this bill passed.

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still didn’t stop it.”

Kumar argued in favor of a class D violation, which entails disqualification of the Butler-Baker team, based on the code’s section stating that failure to adhere to an ESB ruling is grounds for disqualification.

Mulugheta and Desai presented photos and videos of Butler-Baker campaign materials up past 2 p.m. Mulugheta said this put them at an advantage because his campaign had removed all materials and were “invisible” for almost four hours.

“Hopefully, ESB will set a precedent today to let them know that breaks in code [are unacceptable], and students will see a culture change in SG and that nobody is above the law and nobody is above the code,” he said.

University Democrats representative Jeremy Yager argued for Butler and Baker, saying there was a miscommunication between their team members and there was never a willful intent to gain an advantage.

“We made every possible effort to adhere to the moratorium,” Yager said. “We communicated the moratorium to our campaign members, and we honestly thought the signs had been taken down.”

Yager said they text messaged the four team members in charge of signage to make sure the West Campus signs were taken down, but three were in class, leaving only government sophomore Josh Gold to remove the signs.

Gold testified he took down signs in front of University Towers and the Kappa Delta house on his way to class at 2 p.m.

Butler said she hopes the votes will be the deciding factor that ends the runoff elections and not a hearing.

“I just want the election results to be resolved,” Butler said. “I understand there was an issue with the signage, but I think that we made every effort to make sure that it was taken care of, so we’re just waiting to hear the results at this point.”

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try professor David Vanden Bout. He said in his weekly meetings he has helped develop methods to

improve students’ ability to prepare for class, including simply reading textbooks and using technology

aids. He said if this system were fully implemented, all class sections of the introductory chemistry courses would have access to the same set of online material.

He said this systematic approach to organizing access to online con-

tent would consolidate any efforts professors may already be making to free up lecture time by enabling students to better prepare for class. He said lecture time would be freed up to interactively cover more relevant and applicable topics and problems.

“I would love it to be a time where everybody wants to go to class because they know they are going to learn something new and interesting not just ‘I have to go so I can get the notes,’” Vanden Bout said.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

City Council votes to approve plan for Austin's development

The Austin City Council unanimously voted to endorse a comprehensive plan that will determine the city’s future during its meeting Thursday.

The Imagine Austin commission presented its plan for future development of the city in front of the council, and the City Planning Commission recommended it. The plan, Imagine Austin Plan Framework, suggested methods of accommodating more residents and the problems that coincide. Suggestions included building accessible community structures and additional residential areas, expanding transportation services and developing infrastructure.

“We need a concept for Austin’s future that we can all get behind and stop doing battle over every single building like we have for the last 30 years,” attorney and realtor Frank Heron testified.

City Council member Sheryl Cole said it is important for the city to move forward.

“It would be useless for us to have spent this much time and this much energy and resources in developing a plan, and it [could not be implemented],” Cole said.

— Jake Hong





A Libyan volunteer carries ammunition on the outskirts of the eastern town of Ras Lanouf, Libya, on Thursday. Government forces drove hundreds of rebels from a strategic oil port with rockets and tank shells, significantly expanding Moammar Gadhafi's control of Libya.

## Battle tide turns against rebel forces in Eastern Libya

By Paul Schemm  
The Associated Press

RAS LANOUF, Libya — With fierce barrages of tank and artillery fire, Moammar Gadhafi's loyalists threw rebels into a frantic retreat from a strategic oil port Thursday in a counteroffensive that reversed the opposition's advance toward the capital of Tripoli and now threatens its positions in the east.

The rout came as the U.S. director of national intelligence stressed

that Gadhafi's military was stronger than it has been described and said that "in the longer term ... the regime will prevail."

Hundreds of rebels in cars and trucks mounted with machine guns sped eastward on the Mediterranean coastal road in a seemingly disorganized flight from Ras Lanouf as a force of rockets and shells pounded a hospital, mosque and other buildings in the oil complex. Doctors and staff at the hospital were hastily evacuated along with wounded

from the past week.

The opposition, however, made some diplomatic gains. France became the first country to recognize the rebels' eastern-based governing council, and an ally of President Nicolas Sarkozy said his government was planning "targeted operations" to defend civilians if the international community approves.

In Tripoli, Gadhafi's son Seif al-Islam vowed to retake the eastern half of the country, which has been in opposition hands since early in

the three-week-old uprising.

"I have two words to our brothers and sisters in the east: We're coming," he told a cheering crowd of young supporters. The son depicted Libyans in the east as being held "hostage" by terrorists.

The retreat was a heavy blow for the ragtag rebel forces of armed civilians and mutinous army units that only days before had confidently charged west, boasting they would march the hundreds of miles to "liberate" Tripoli.

## State Patrol removes Wisconsin protesters during union bill vote

By Dinesh Ramde  
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Police carried dozens of protesters from a hallway leading to the Wisconsin Assembly on Thursday as Democratic representatives pounded on the locked door of the chamber, demanding to be let in before a historic vote on an explosive bill taking away public workers' collective bargaining rights.

The chamber was locked while police did a security review in the crowded Capitol. Later Thursday, as the lawmakers left the Assembly, the protesters exchanged high fives with the Democrats and chanted "thank you."

The Republicans left the Assembly under heavy guard as protesters

shouted "Shame!"

Rallies against the bill have attracted thousands of protesters to the Capitol in the past several weeks. A vote had been held up after 14 Democratic senators fled to Illinois three weeks ago, leaving that chamber one short of the 20 members needed to take up any measures that spend money.

Republicans got around that Wednesday by using a simple procedural move to remove all spending measures from Gov. Scott Walker's collective bargaining legislation and voting to approve it without Democrats present.

About 200 people spent the night in the Capitol in protest over the Senate's passage of the bill. In the morning, at least 50 protesters were carried out by police.



Wisconsin State Patrol officers drag a protester out of the antechamber at the state Capitol in Madison, Wis., on Thursday.

## CELESTIAL FIRES



The aurora borealis, or northern lights, fill the sky above the Takotna, Alaska, checkpoint during the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Wednesday.

### NEWS BRIEFLY

#### Illinois outlaws death penalty creating moral controversy

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — For a mother who lost a son to violence, Illinois' decision to abolish the death penalty is a betrayal. But to a father who lost two daughters and a grandson, it's the Christian thing to do.

And to a man who was sentenced to die for a crime he didn't commit, it's a civilized step that may inspire other states to halt executions.

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn's signature on legislation getting rid of the death penalty provoked an extraordinary array of emotions Wednesday — almost all of them intense.

A Chicago woman whose teenage son was gunned down in 2006 said the killer, who has never been caught, should not be allowed to breathe the same air she breathes.

"I am a Christian. I never believed in killing nobody else," Pam Bosley said, explaining her change of heart after her son was shot outside a church. "But the pain you suffer every single day, I say take them out."

— The Associated Press

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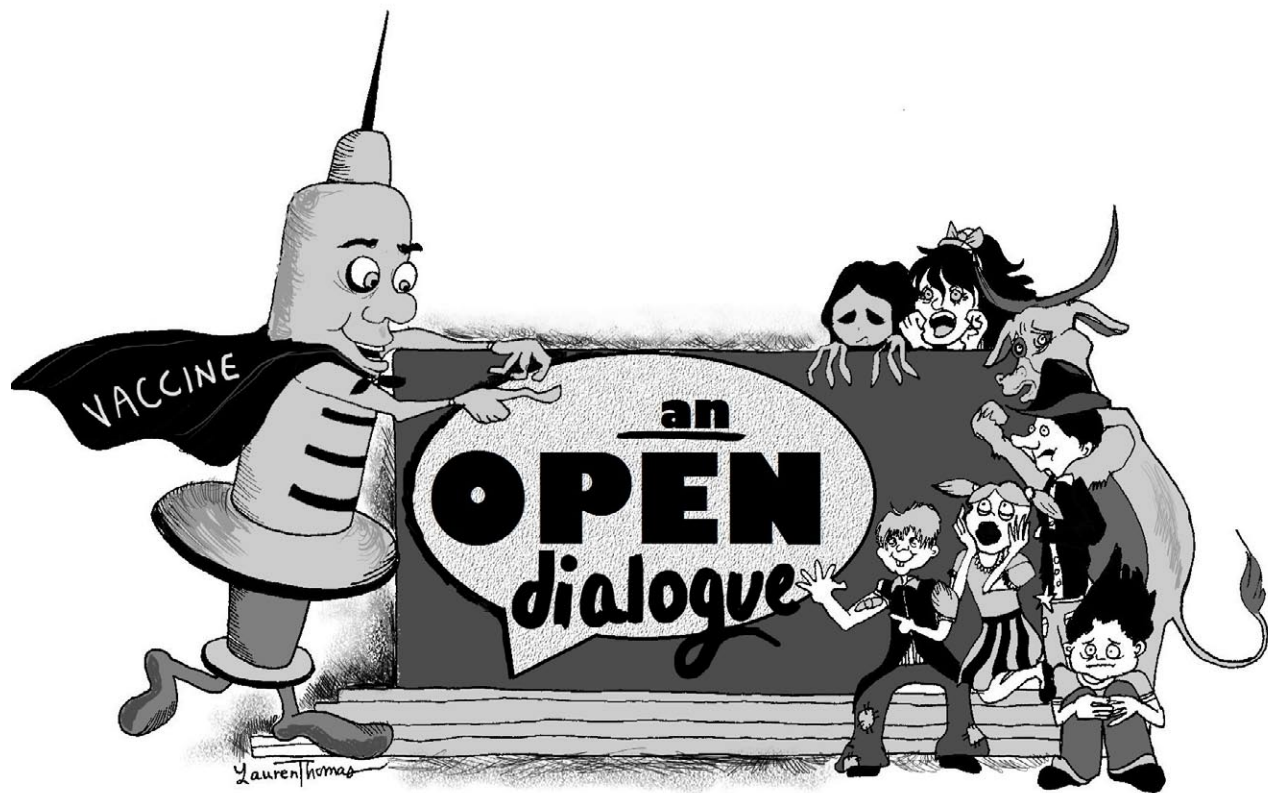
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*Editor's note: This is the sixth installment in a six-part series about legislation that would affect students. We have asked campus leaders, students, faculty, politicians and administrators to weigh in on this week's topic of debate: mandatory meningitis shots for college students.*

## The question: Should meningitis vaccines be required for all Texas college students?

### Andy Fernandez, Libertarian Longhorns

As a principled libertarian, I am a strict adherent to the axiom of non-aggression, which is to say that I am always against the initiation of force or coercion. With that in mind, requiring all Texas college students to be vaccinated with meningitis is clearly a violation of the underlying principle of libertarianism.

The ends never justify the means. While this proposed piece of legislation may have good intentions, the way in which it seeks to accomplish its goal of healthier students is unacceptable. It is advocating for the forced medication of people who may not all choose to give their consent otherwise. It is unreasonable, unjust and violent to support legislation such as this.

If we wish to create a more peaceful and prosperous society, then we must not be so quick to use the legalized force of the state to attempt to solve all of our problems. Too often do we try to solve problems that resulted due to violence with more violence and this mandate is just another example. Let us promote peace and voluntary cooperation rather than violence and coercion.

### Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, H.B. 1816 author

One of the most essential functions our state government can serve is that of protecting life. When it becomes apparent that an object stands in the way of that function, it behooves the state to act. This is the case with bacterial meningitis on our college campuses.

Bacterial meningitis is an illness that can result in the loss of extremities and severely impact an individual's normal way of life. Most seriously, this disease can result in death. This illness has claimed the lives of students and caused grief and sorrow to numerous communities across Texas.

Last session, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 4189, requiring all incoming freshmen and transfer students, living on campus, to receive the bacterial meningitis vaccination. This law was named after Jamie Schanbaum, a student at the University of Texas who survived the fatal illness. However, Jamie lived off campus, and the very piece of legislation named after her would not have protected her.

Nicolis Williams, a junior at Texas A&M University, recently passed away due to bacterial meningitis. His passing occurred after House Bill 4189 was passed. Nicolis also lived off campus.

House Bill 1816 expands the requirement to receive the bacterial meningitis vaccination to all incoming students, those that reside on campus as well as off campus. This will help ensure that one of Texas' most precious assets, its youth, are able to fulfill their potential without the risk of unnecessary loss of life.

### Jeanne Carpenter, UHS Director and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Depending upon the date such a law might take effect and the meaning of some of the terms used in the bill, mechanisms needed to communicate requirements to students and ensure compliance could affect University Health Services, Admissions, the Office of the Registrar, the Office of the Dean of Students' New Student Orientation programs and other campus departments. In all likelihood, additional staff would be needed to implement and monitor requirements of the bill.

### THE BILL:

**House Bill 1816:** relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of first-time students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education

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### QUOTES TO NOTE: HB1816

*"It's a machine gun approach to try to prevent such an isolated, rare event."*

— Dawn Richardson, president of Parents Requesting Open Vaccine Education, as reported by The Texas Tribune.

*"It is imperative that this bill be passed into law this session ... Nicolis' death was both preventable and unnecessary, and passing House Bill 1816 will ensure that no other young Texan loses their life from such a terrible and preventable illness."*

— Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, as reported by FortBendNow.

*"When a student dies from the area I represent, it really hits home that we need to change the law to include that all college students need to be vaccinated."*

— Rep. Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City, as reported by the Houston Chronicle.

*"It is a travesty that young Texans are still dying from bacterial meningitis. It is my hope that the Texas House will come together in a bipartisan effort to swiftly pass House Bill 1816 and send it to the Senate to do the same."*

— Rep. Howard, as reported by FortBendNow.

*"When you have that kind of situation, I really think the best policy in Texas would be to let the ultimate decision be with the family themselves."*

— Dawn Richardson on whether the state should require college students to get the meningococcal vaccination, according to The Texas Tribune.

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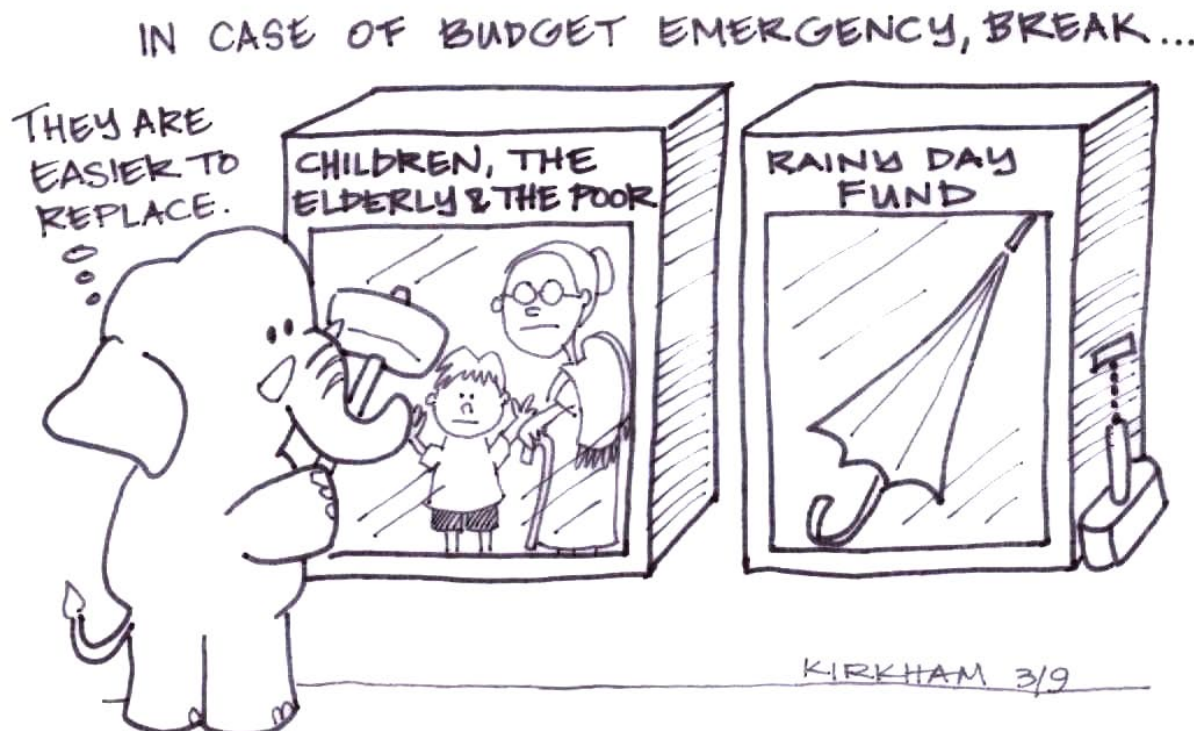
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# Human rights advocates inform at University fair

By Jake Hong  
Daily Texan Staff

Nine student organizations came together to share information about the countries and causes they support at a human rights fair Wednesday.

Zoya Waliany, Plan II senior and one of the fair organizers, said the goal of the fair was to promote greater visibility of human rights on campus. The Human Rights Student Advisory Council sponsored the event, which about 100 people attended.

She said the campus has multiple human rights advocacy groups, but many of them have very small memberships.

"A lot of times, these clubs are less prominent than your fraternities and sororities and bigger clubs such as Student Government," Waliany said.

The White Rose Society, a group sponsored by Texas Hillel, focused on human rights abuses in areas such as Myanmar and Darfur.

"We're always interested in helping people that are afflicted by genocide," said Rebecca Goldstein, English junior and a chair of the group. "It's really great work to do."

To raise money for aid to Darfur, a branch of the White Rose Society, Challah for Hunger, sells challah at \$5 per loaf at the West Mall every week. The group typically raises about \$250 per week, and sends more than 80 percent of the pro-

ceeds to the civil war-torn country.

Oxfam-UT, a group of about 20 students that supports labor unions, campaigned for the labor improvement at the UT apparel factories located in Latin American and Asian countries, said Alejandro Barrientos, government junior and Oxfam outreach chair.

The organization also called for the decommission of the Fayetteville Coal Power Plant, which was responsible for the loss of revenue for local pecan farmers.

"There might not be awareness among students, but if you explain our campaign to a student, they generally agree that it is a good thing," Barrientos said.

The organization conducted letter drops, petitions and meetings with the administration in the effort to advance human

rights, said Katy Aus, history junior and membership chair for Oxfam-UT.

"It's a combination of trying to get the administration to work with us and listening to our requests and also just informing the student population and trying to get them more involved and mobilized in this cause," Aus said.

GlobeMed, a student group fighting for global health equity, participated at the fair. The organization has raised \$3,000 of its \$7,750 goal for latrine restoration and construction in Guarjila, El Salvador.

**“We’re always interested in helping people that are afflicted by genocide.”**

— Rebecca Goldstein, Chair of the White Rose Society



Looking to possibly adopt a new dog, 3-year-old Jayda and her mother Jenn Golech visit the Austin Animal Center for the first time on Thursday afternoon. The center, which euthanizes less than 10 percent of the animals, allows prospective owners to visit with animals in play areas.

Danielle Villasana  
Daily Texan Staff

# Austin becomes ‘no-kill’ city for pets

By Joe Layton  
Daily Texan Staff

Puppies and kitties rejoiced when the city announced its status as a no-kill city this month.

The city earned the designation for the first time in February, when 92 percent of animals that went into shelters either got adopted or did not have to be put down.

In March 2010, the City Council approved the No Kill Implementation Plan to reduce animal intake and increase pet adoptions. The Animal Services Office worked with volunteers and dozens of community partners including Austin Pets Alive, Emancipet and Animal Trustees of Austin since the plan's implementation last October.

"By far the most important fac-

tor is that the whole community pitched in," said Filip Gecic, interim chief animal services officer for the city. "With our limited resources we would have never achieved this status without foster families, volunteers' and politicians' support."

Austin Pets Alive focused on the shelter rather than advocating for political support, said Ellen Jefferson, executive director of the group. Saving animals from the shelter drew attention from the community and generated support for the animals.

The city's goal of keeping alive 90 percent of the animals taken into the shelter is one of the most progressive goals in the nation, Gecic said. Eliminating night drop-off boxes — places where

people could drop off an animal anonymously after hours — helped the city stick to the plan.

People would drop off animals that needed training or care at night without getting advice about their animal's problem, Gecic said. In the five months since the Town Lake Animal Center closed the boxes, it received 700 fewer animals.

Spring is a more challenging season to keep kennel space available because it is mating season, city spokeswoman Patricia Fraga said.

"As part of the implementation program the city is starting a public awareness campaign about the services available at the animal center," Fraga said. "In April and May, the campaign will run ads on buses and taxis and public service announcements that fo-

cus on spaying and neutering animals. In the summer, the campaign will focus on adopting and fostering animals."

Fostering frees up kennel space, which reduces the risk of animals being put down. The foster families promote the pet within their social networks, and they sometimes end up keeping the animal, Fraga said.

"A lot of folks get into fostering to permanently bring an animal into their home," said Sarah Hammond, foster coordinator of the Town Lake Animal Center. "A forever home is better than a temporary home."

A new animal shelter expected to open in fall of 2011 in North Austin will replace the Town Lake shelter. The facility and its operations will be greatly improved, making it easier to keep animals healthy and clean, Hammond said.

## NEWS BRIEFLY

Students join with Google site, raise \$47,000 for clean water

Students for Clean Water raised more than \$47,000 in a joint fundraising campaign with Google.

Google donated \$1 for every student who used its new Hotpot application. Hotpot allows users to rate and write reviews about businesses and restaurants in their area. The campaign started on March 1 and ended March 10.

More than 1,000 students rated businesses and participated in the

campaign.

The group's founder Blake Mankin said UT Students for Clean Water was the first student organization to partner with Google Hotpot.

All of the money raised will go to charity: water. Charity: water is a nonprofit organization that focuses on bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing nations. This money will be used to bring clean water to different schools in those areas that currently have no clean water at all.

"I'm glad that we found someone with a strong passion like us to help out those in need," Mankin said.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, SXSW cause transportation changes

Drivers will face detours and road closures downtown from today until March 20.

City officials will close the streets because of the 25th annual South By Southwest Music and Media Conference, which began today, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12.

Roads will close today at 2 p.m. and will be open on March 20 by 6 p.m. A majority of closures will be around the Sixth Street entertainment district between March 16 and March 20. The area between Barton Springs Road and Fourth Street will close at 8:30 a.m. for the St. Patrick's

Day Parade this Saturday.

Buses will be a major form of transportation throughout the entire week, and Capital Metro will offer rail services every Friday evening in March along with the two Saturdays during South By Southwest, Capital Metro spokeswoman Misty Whited said. Bus routes will face detours because of the closed streets, but there will be signs directing people to the nearest bus stop, Whited said.

"Q buses will also be available downtown," she said. "We position them in places downtown to wait until needed and utilize them when overcrowding occurs on routes."

— Donovan Sanders

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Major street closures March 11 to 20 include:

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Closed 5 a.m. March 16 until 6 a.m. March 20

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BIG 12 MEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Texas’ Jai Lucas made an impact off the bench Thursday against Oklahoma with eight points and three assists. The senior guard has seen his minutes fluctuate this year, but remains ready to contribute.

TOURNAMENT UPDATE

No. 1 seed Kansas 63, No. 9 seed Oklahoma State 62

After knocking off Nebraska on Wednesday, Oklahoma State came into its quarterfinals matchup playing for an NCAA tournament berth. Kansas almost let it in the backdoor. The Jayhawks trailed at halftime for just the third time all year. They came back shooting 31.3 percent after the break and never looked comfortable. Luckily, Marcus Morris was able to keep his team alive on the boards and Mario Little was able to do some damage against the Cowboys’ zone. Little’s and-one play gave Kansas a three-point lead with just more than a minute remaining, and OSU couldn’t hit a game-winner.

No. 4 seed Kansas State 75, No. 5 seed Colorado 87



The tournament’s biggest upset so far was supplied by Colorado, which barely got past Iowa State on Wednesday but will now play for a chance to reach the conference championship game. The Buffaloes were 58 percent from the field against the Wildcats, utilizing their slashing perimeter players to open up KSU’s defense — Alec Burks scored 16 points in the first half, and Cory Higgins scored 17 in the second. The loss puts Kansas State’s NCAA seeding in question and gives a big boost to a 21-12 Colorado program.



No. 3 seed Texas A&M 86, No. 6 seed Missouri 71

The Aggies controlled the game from the opening whistle. On the stat sheet, the two sides looked about even, with each scoring 32 points in the paint and A&M owning a small 15-10 advantage in fast-break points. But the Aggies slowly widened an 11-point halftime advantage, leading by as much as 22, and kept the Tigers at arm’s length by hitting 70 percent of their free throws and knocking down eight 3-pointers.

—Will Anderson

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Senior role player Lucas propels Texas into semis

By Dan Hurwitz  
Daily Texan Staff

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — For most of the season, Jai Lucas has been the ninth man in a nine-man rotation that the Longhorns run.

His minutes would vary game by game. He played as much as 30 against Rice in December. He did not appear on the court for one second against Baylor in February.

“You never know when you are going to go in,” Lucas said. “It just happens.”

On Thursday, Lucas was the first player off Rick Barnes’ bench for the second consecutive game — a position that J’Covan Brown, Matt Hill or Alexis Wangmene usually fills.

Lucas first entered the game with 16:12 remaining in the first half after two Dogus Balbay turnovers. The score was 4-2. Nine seconds later, Lucas hit a 3-pointer. Following a Gary Johnson jumper, Lucas ran the length of the court for a layup to put Texas up 11-2, forcing Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel to call a time-out.

Lucas, a senior transfer from Florida, scored all eight of his points in the first half of Texas’ 74-54 win over Oklahoma, a win which allowed Texas to advance to the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament tonight on Friday against Texas A&M.

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With Balbay not being much of an offensive threat, Lucas has become the guy who can replace him with the same mentality and effort, in addition to a better jumpshot.

But the Longhorns don’t usually rely on Lucas for scoring. He is there for his leadership. “When he comes into the games, he calms everyone down,” said freshman Tristan Thompson. “It’s almost like Coach Barnes is on the court playing with us. He brings that whole coaching aspect of the game to us.”

When on the court, Lucas is the ball-handler. He calls the plays and creates for everyone; he has become a vocal leader of the Longhorns in his senior year.

Lucas’ voice was most heard late in the first half. His man had sagged off into the paint, and Lucas was standing all alone in the corner. He was clapping and screaming for the ball. Cory Joseph received a pass at the top of the key and turned.

“I saw his eyes look at me and I was ready to shoot,” Lucas said.

With his two 3-pointers, Lucas matched his total during the entire Big 12 season. He has continued to work on his shot but sees no change in his stroke. Instead he has worked on getting into the flow of the game.

Now, he just doesn’t have to wait as long.

Texas takes big lead in first half, refuses to let up against Sooners

By Dan Hurwitz  
Daily Texan Staff

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Thursday’s first half brought back memories of Texas’ 11-game win streak to open Big 12 play.

The Longhorns got up early. They got up even more. And they didn’t stop.

Similar to the previous two times Texas played Oklahoma, it was all they needed. The Longhorns shot 62 percent from the field capped off by a Jordan Hamilton 3-point buzzer beater to head into the break with a 23-point lead.

The Longhorns ran their fast-tempo offense and held the Sooners in check enabling them to not play as uptight as recent games.

“We needed to have fun,” said guard J’Covan Brown. “We hadn’t had fun in a long time.”

The score got to be 43-20. Hamilton had 15 of those points as he shot 7-for-

9 from the field to get out of his recent shooting slump.

From there on, the Longhorns were on cruise control in finishing off Oklahoma a third time this season — all by at least 16 points.

The Longhorns’ halftime lead was the largest they had had since Feb. 26 against Colorado when they were up by as many as 22. But Texas did not want a repeat of that performance in which they went on to lose.

“We came in at halftime and said we are going to keep up with the good work and not have another letdown,” said guard Dogus Balbay.

The Sooners slowly crept back and cut the Texas lead down to 13 with 6:17 remaining. The Sooners did not make a field goal the rest of the game as Texas out-scored them 11-4 to cap off the 74-54 win.

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BIG 12 MEN’S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK



Jerry Larson | Associated Press

Kansas and senior guard Brady Morningstar, right, had their hands full with Oklahoma State.

Tournament has share of upsets, nail-biters so far

By Will Anderson  
& Dan Hurwitz  
Daily Texan Staff

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — With only three ranked Big 12 teams, it looked like the early rounds of the conference tournament might turn into blowouts.





So far, that scenario has not materialized. Of eight first- and second-round games, half came down to the last possession, and the average final score separating teams at the Sprint Center is nine points.

It all started on Wednesday. Oklahoma State, a No. 9 seed, held on for a last-second win when eight-seeded Nebraska couldn’t get off a final shot. Also in the first round, Colorado squeaked by Iowa State 77-75 while Missouri needed

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SOFTBALL

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Luna gives up just one run in win

By Chris Hummer  
Daily Texan Staff

It wasn’t that great of a start for the Longhorns and All-American pitcher Blaire Luna, as the Houston Cougars quickly moved ahead in the game on a leadoff home run from Holly Anderson.

But thankfully for Texas, Luna settled down after that and made sure that was the only run she allowed in the game, which ended in a 4-1 Texas victory.

“It definitely made me refocus, and I had to bounce back and not let it get to me,

which is kind of what I did,” Luna said. “We practice that in practice, being able to come back and go to the next pitch and not over-think about that one [pitch] and just get past it.”

After the leadoff homer, the game was largely dominated by the pitchers, as only one of the next 19 batters reached base for both teams.

However, Texas broke that streak in the fourth, making hitting adjustments to see more pitches and shortening up their

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Outfielder Torie Schmidt went 1-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs against the Cougars.



Danielle Villasana  
Daily Texan Staff



# After a mediocre season, does Texas deserve to dance?

The Daily Texan womens' basketball beat writers debate whether or not the Longhorns' 19-13 season merits a ticket to the NCAA tournament.

## - YES

By Alexandra Carreno  
Daily Texan Staff

Nineteen to 13. Yes, you read that correctly. The Longhorn women believe that record is enough for an NCAA bid.

You know, it's alright to question the validity of that overall record. But for a moment, let's disregard those 13 losses and examine.

Five of those losses were decided by nine points or less; two were decided by two points or less. In a perfect world, if Texas had won those five games instead of losing, it would be right up there with the ranks of Baylor (29-2) and Texas A&M (26-4).

But reality is, they didn't. So why do the Longhorns deserve a bid?

Don't take into consideration their record; instead ruminate over their overall season effort.

There is no question these Longhorns are fighters. Losing Cokie Reed before the season could have been their downfall, but they didn't allow it to be. Both losing and winning streaks highlighted this season, but Texas never became overly confident or discouraged.

These players have heart. Their play this season has proven them



Texas head coach Gail Goestenkers, left, is in danger of missing the NCAA tournament for the first time in 16 years.

championship worthy. Freshman Chassidy Fussell has been a top 10 conference scorer, and junior Ashley Gayle ranks just second behind Baylor's Brittney Griner with blocked shots. Both their efforts can be added to the melting pot of a heartfelt season.

Granted, head coach Gail

Goestenkers' teams have made it to the tournament for 16 straight years — 13 with Duke followed by three with Texas. But the last time Texas boasted a 7-9 conference record, it still managed to slip in.

Yes, Texas did just bow out in the second-round of the Big 12

tournament after its annihilation by Texas A&M. Yes, Texas features a losing Big 12 conference record. But Texas deserves an NCAA bid for its overall body of work.

It's up-and-down season has been marked by a fighting spirit, a spirit it shouldn't give up on no matter what the outcome.

## - NO

By Sameer Bhuchar  
Daily Texan Staff

The Big 12 is in a league of its own.

Every Big 12 coach has said it.

"The depth from top to bottom is just unmatched," said head coach Gail Goestenkers of the Big 12 multiple times this year, and every coach in the league agrees.

But as for that warranting Texas a spot in the NCAA tournament this year, Texas is the sad young lady no one wants to ask to the big dance.

At 19-13, your record means everything; it is a sad truth about sports but a truth nonetheless. So regardless of whether the losses were close or not, a loss is a loss.

Examining its out-of-conference losses signifies another hitch against Texas's case. Texas very ambitiously scheduled No. 2 Stanford, No. 14 Michigan State and No. 4 Tennessee.

The team lost all three games by an average of 15 points. One would think the known rigors of playing in the Big 12 would have prepared it for these out-of-conference games. Pointing to Texas' difficult non-conference games would be strategic in arguing its

case, but not when you're losing by 15 points.

Fine, those teams are the cream of the crop. What about in the Big 12? Texas dropped games to teams that were far superior such as Texas A&M, Baylor and Oklahoma, but what about against teams Texas is supposed to beat?

Texas opened Big 12 play with a five-point loss to Missouri, currently the third-worst team in the league, then ended the regular season with a one-point loss to Oklahoma State, the second-worst team in the league.

To be fair, the Longhorns did have a pair of impressive victories over Texas Tech and Kansas State, but that is all they really have to boast to a selection committee that places a premium on marquee wins.

The point is that seventh-place and a 7-9 conference record in the toughest league in the country doesn't outweigh teams in other conferences that make it a point to stay on top of their league.

The NCAA selection committee will reward teams that can positively answer the ever dreaded "what-have-you-done-for-me-lately?" question. This year, Texas doesn't have much of an answer.

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"We have to find a way to keep playing as if the score is 0-0 and not worry about the little things that come with having the lead," said senior Jai Lucas.

The Longhorns set the tone early. The first-half run began on the first possession with a Tristan Thompson dunk. It was quickly followed by a block from Balbay who chased down Oklahoma's Cade Davis the length of the court.

Following a Davis layup, the Longhorns regained the lead

that they would not lose in scoring nine straight to go up 11-2.

Playing less than 24 hours after shooting 57 percent when they upset Baylor on Wednesday, the Sooners struggled to get going in the first half. Oklahoma had nine turnovers and shot 40 percent from the field.

The Sooners were unable to get to the free-throw line in the first half. In the second, they attempted 11 free throws and made them all.

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swings and were finally able to touch up Houston pitcher Amanda Crabtree to the tune of four runs.

"We were chasing the low outside stuff. We just needed to shorten up and square it around, try and track the ball a little bit better," said Texas head coach Connie Clark. "Typically, when we do that, it gives the hitters confidence to be able to put the ball in play. We did that, and some good things happened."

Texas capitalized quickly in the inning when sophomore Taylor

Hoagland smashed a double into the gap and freshman Brejae Washington laid down a bunt, advancing Hoagland to third. The throw to first to get Washington out bounced off the first basemen's glove, and Hoagland broke for home to score on the error.

The next two batters then reached base for the Longhorns, leaving the bases loaded with only one out. Junior Nadia Taylor was up first and struck out, leaving the inning up to sophomore Torie Schmidt, who

fought the count to full. On the next pitch, Schmidt laced a double into the gap, scoring two, putting Texas ahead for good.

"My first at-bat, I kind of swung at pitches outside of the zone," Schmidt said. "I talked to [Assistant] Coach [Corrie] Hill about it, and she told me to just be more patient and wait for my pitch, and that's what I did. I waited for one that was inside the zone, and I made contact on it. I just told myself to relax, take deep breaths and stay calm."

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record 11 straight conference wins — with accurate shooting and stifling defense.

Texas dominated 39-23 on the glass and outscored its opponent 34-18 in the paint.

"We got back to getting on the glass," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "I thought we really looked to help each other."

Oklahoma (14-18, 5-11) was 40.4 percent from the field, well above average for a Texas opponent, but attempted 10 fewer shots than Texas.

"Texas can really pressure de-

fensively," said Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel. "They obviously have depth where they can keep coming at you in waves."

And it was bench players that helped sustain the Texas lead when its starters' shots weren't falling. Senior guard Jai Lucas was first off the bench for the Longhorns and scored eight points in 20 minutes to go along with three assists. Fellow guard J'Covan Brown finished with 11 points and five assists, and supplied some timely jumpers to break a number of scoring droughts.

At one point, the only starter on the floor was Cory Joseph.

"I thought our bench was terrific tonight," Barnes said.

It all started with an 11-2 opening run that had Texas way out in front. The team shot 62.1 percent in the opening period.

"Their pressure got to us," said Oklahoma senior guard Cade Davis. "We were kind of forcing shots."

Davis put up a team-high 17 points for the Sooners. The 6-foot-5 guard was a match-up problem for the Longhorns on the perimeter, but Texas forward Alexis Wangmene helped limit his scoring drives in the second half.

"It was hard, but I was supposed to do it," Wangmene said.

Texas closed the half on a 10-2 run to enter the break up by 23. But Oklahoma outscored it 19-10 to start the second half, prompting Barnes to call a timeout with 12:28 remaining in the game.

"Playing with a lead is always hard," Lucas said. "We just have to find a way to keep playing as if the score is 0-0."

Even as Texas relented, allowing some easy buckets — including 14 points off turnovers for Oklahoma — the lead was



Sophomore forward Jordan Hamilton, left, shoots over Oklahoma's Cade Davis. Hamilton poured in 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Lawrence Peart  
Daily Texan Staff

never seriously threatened.

The Sooners got within 13 but couldn't manage to trim the gap any more. With a little over a minute left, Oklahoma's Davis was pulled from the game, and he solemnly hugged each team-

mate and member of the coaching staff on the bench before sitting down. It was that kind of night for the Sooners, who lost all three of their contests versus Texas this year by an average of 18.6 points.

## TOURNEY continues from PAGE 7

a defensive rebound and some late free throws to ensure its win over Texas Tech.

On Thursday, the higher seed trailed for at least a portion of the first two games, and the tournament's No. 1 overall team, Kansas, escaped with a 63-62 win over Oklahoma State.

"Look at the games in the tournament so far," said Kansas coach Bill Self. "It's been great."

It's hard to predict today's games as well. Kansas faces Colorado, a team which it crushed three weeks ago but defeated by only four points in January. In addition, the Jayhawks are shooting 41.6 percent from the field over the last three contests — almost ten points lower than their season average.

Texas faces Texas A&M, a team which it beat twice this season, but the two schools share a heated rivalry that usually manifests itself in close games.

### TEXAPATHY

Following Texas' 74-54 win over Oklahoma, J'Covan Brown pulled up a chair right in front of the TV in the Longhorn locker room.

He wasn't interested in checking out his next opponent, as the Missouri-Texas A&M game was about to begin. He was checking out the rematch of LeBron and the Heat against Kobe and the Lakers.

"It doesn't matter who comes next," said guard Dogus Balbay. "We have to stay focused. That's the key."

The Longhorns eventually found out that they will play the Aggies for the third time this season. Texas swept the regular season series with ease, winning by an average of 20.5 points.

A&M crushed Missouri 82-71 on Thursday.

### BUFFALO SOLDIERS

In their final season playing in the Big 12, the Buffaloes are still making firsts.

By beating Kansas State on Thursday, Colorado is heading to the third round of the conference tournament for the first time in program history. It will also be the last time the Buffs make it this far, as they depart for the Pac-10 after this season.

Before this, the closest they've ever gotten were second-round losses against Oklahoma in 2008 and Oklahoma State in 2005.

"It's everything," said Colorado coach Tad Boyle. "We came here with the goal to win the tournament and to do it with the guys around me... it means a lot to me."

Colorado is also considered a lock for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, with a resume that includes wins over K-State (three times) and Texas plus non-conference opponents Indiana and Colorado State.

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## MEN'S GOLF

**By Nick Cremona**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

The Longhorns are familiar with this course, placing seventh in last year's event. Texas will employ sophomore Cody Gribble, juniors Dylan Frittelli and Alex Moon, senior Bobby Hudson and freshman Toni Hakula as its starters. Gribble and Frittelli tied for fifth place in last year's event.

The Collegiate Masters showcases some of the nation's top teams. No. 1 Oklahoma State, No. 3 UCLA and No. 4 Georgia Tech and conference foes No. 11 Texas A&M, No. 14 Texas Tech and Baylor will make up part of the field. A total of 15 teams will compete.

"The tournament field in which we will play will be at the

highest level. We'll have to be at the top of our game," Fields said. "We want to get going and get off to a good start."

The Longhorns will have their work cut out for them. Southern Highlands is revered by many in the golf world as one of the top collegiate courses. Texas will need a strong start, along with a strong finish to take home more than just memories from Las Vegas.

**No. 7 Texas at Collegiate Masters**  
**Date:** Fri.- Sun.  
**Place:** Southern Highlands  
 (Las Vegas, Nev.)

## MEN'S TENNIS

**By Wes Maulsby**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

**Fanny Trang** | Daily Texan Staff  
**is weekend to take on**

ter thinks that his team has the potential to surprise people this season, but they can't have a repeat of the performance against North Carolina.

After a disappointing result on Tuesday, Texas will want to improve their game and make sure that it doesn't let another lead get away.

**No. 3 Texas at No. 7 USC**  
**Date:** Friday  
**Time:** 5 p.m.  
**Place:** Marks Tennis Stadium  
 (Los Angeles Calif.)

**By Lauren Giudice**  
**Daily Texan Staff**

A black and white photograph of a person in a white jumpsuit floating upside down in a large, empty room. The person is positioned in the lower center of the frame, with their head pointing towards the bottom and their arms crossed over their chest. The ceiling is composed of large, square tiles, and a large, circular light fixture with multiple radial arms is visible in the upper right corner. The overall atmosphere is surreal and minimalist.

**Corey Leamon** | Daily Texan Staff

This weekend is the divers' only opportunity to qualify for the NCAA championship meet.

## BASEBALL

**By Jon Parrett**  
Daily Texan Staff

Kimball's counterpart will be Taylor Jungmann, which bodes well for the Longhorns who are 19-0 at home when Jungmann (3-0, 1.01 ERA) starts. Sophomore Hoby Milner will start game one of a double-header Saturday; the first Saturday start of his career. Milner (1-0, 1.35 ERA) has appeared in four games for Texas this year, but will be making only his second start of the season.

"I'm just going to do whatever they tell me to do," Milner said, adding that there isn't much of a difference in preparation for starting and pitching out of the bullpen. "Your goal is to go out there and get outs."

Texas has been tweaking things

on offense in an attempt to generate more scoring and changed its lineup Tuesday for the first time this season.

"We're just trying new things, and seeing what works best before conference comes around," said outfielder Mark Payton, who batted second on Tuesday, instead of his usual third spot.

Cole Green (0-2, 4.32 ERA) will start Sunday's game, after picking up a no-decision on Tuesday.

"He was putting too much pressure on himself," said Texas head coach Augie Garrido. "You get to a point sometimes in this game where you try to do too much, you think the world is depending on you, and you can't play."



**Date:** Fri. - Sun.  
**Time:** 6 p.m., Noon, 2 p.m.  
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**FABULOUS FISH OF JAPAN'S SEAS** Solution: 6 letters

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Yesterday's solution



## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0204

**Across**

1 Unbeatable mark

6 Ne plus ultra

10 "Squawk Box" ailer

14 Ship out

16 Ring event after exchanging rings

17 Affectionate utterance

18 Sharing

19 Sustenance for a fatigued person?

20 Name in old German duchies

21 Like many Scandinavians

22 Event at which reporters rub elbows?

24 One in an affair

28 Still no more

29 Parisian possessive

30 Like "10," but not "9"

32 Puncher's nickname

33 Life \_\_\_\_

34 Boss's address?

36 Chance to meet

38 "Fusses" is a form of it

39 It's not a very big story

41 Heavenly radio source

42 Like a Scottish young 'un

43 Asteroid belt orbiter

45 Harvester maker

46 Potentially paintable

49 Encrypt?

50 Stagger

51 Sister co. of Applebee's

55 Impoverish

56 E-tail detail

**Down**

1 Tap-on-the shoulder alternative

2 Paneling material

3 Old Fords

4 Mountain West team

5 Oldies syllable

6 It may include destroyers

7 Nice thing to do peacefully

8 Beast to beware

9 It starts in Mar. in D.C.

10 Its flag is red, white and blue

11 Plain and simple

12 Award won by Henry Fonda

13 Where suckers lure people?

15 Relative of Manx

21 Cold response?

22 Member of an extensive empire of the seventh century B.C.

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Puzzle by Ashton Anderson

24 Maker of one's own rules

25 Under-the-wire

26 Chemistry

27 Slight

31 Direct

33 Noxious

35 Like a nudnik

37 As one entered the world

40 Keeper of the rings

43 Many a stray

44 Leg-building set

47 Joint part

48 Knot, say

51 Dictator's start

52 Watergate-era White House chief of staff

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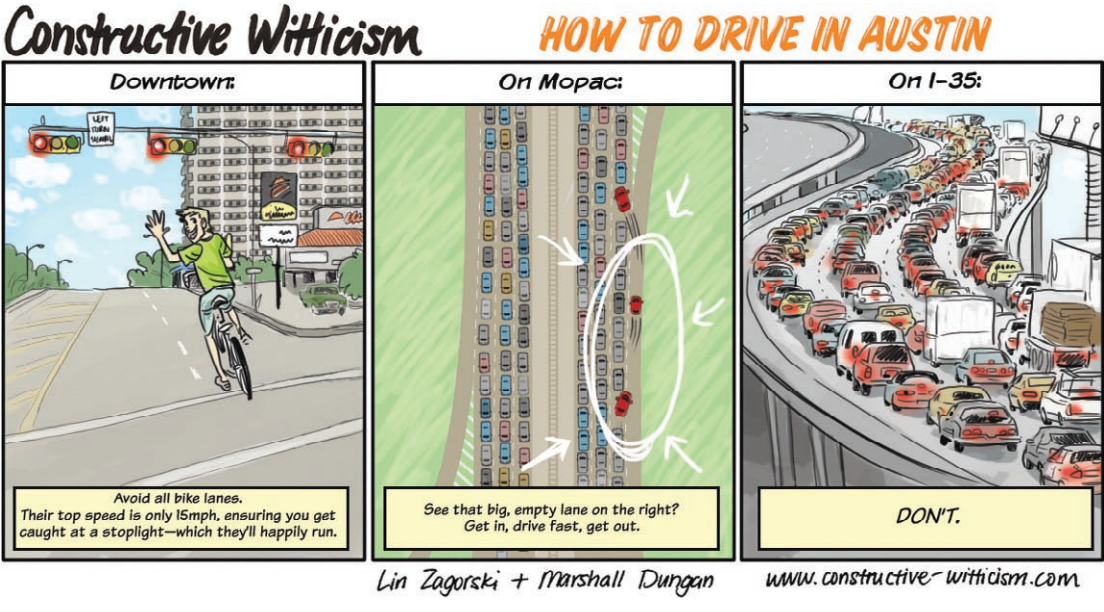
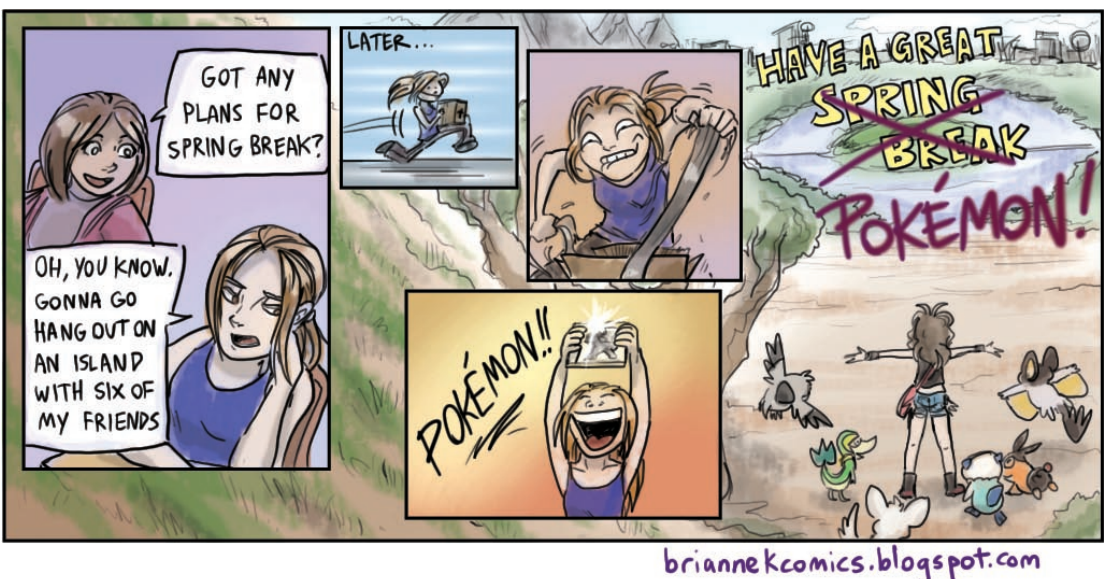
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# HOMELESS

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who live on the street. O'Brien said he hopes the book speaks to our common humanity.

"It's all in the spectrum of being human," he said. "Whether you're homeless or live in a big house, we're all the same."

This fact hit home for O'Brien when Madden died of pneumonia and emphysema only three months into their friendship. O'Brien attended the funeral in his friend's hometown of Manchester, Ga., and met his family. There, he also discovered Madden was once a high school track star, an aspiring lawyer and had three daughters from a marriage that broke up years before.

The family showed him a 1929 yearbook photo of an 11-year-old Madden grinning in a sweater and button-down shirt, included in the introduction of "Hard Ground." O'Brien said he hopes that, as people look through his photo portraits of Austin's homeless, the picture of Madden as a boy will remind them of how every human life begins in much the same way.

"Sometimes you hit a bump in the road," he said. "It throws you off, and you crash."

O'Brien began photographing homeless people in Austin when the director of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, a local homeless ministry, asked him to take photos for the organization's Thanksgiving dinner. Afterward, on the director's suggestion, O'Brien took his camera to Mission Possible Community Center in East Austin, where weekly services were held for the homeless.

Every Tuesday night, O'Brien would set up his bulky large-format camera on a tripod in the kitchen next to the community center's chapel, and photograph the homeless that came in for the service. He took photos of people of all ages and backgrounds, asking each subject to look directly into the lens. At the time, O'Brien had no aspirations of creating a book; the portraits were purely a personal project.

"It was a kind of solace for me to hang out every week with a group of people I began to know," he said.

Because the black-and-white Type 55 Polaroid film he used was expen-

sive, O'Brien had to limit himself to two or three photos per subject. Subjects had to remain still to allow the camera to focus, and O'Brien said the stillness had a way of opening people up to the camera.

"It's a very quiet experience of intimacy," he said of the method. "All the smiles and superficialities are gone."

O'Brien showed David Hamrick, interim director of University of Texas Press, some of his photo portraits, and Hamrick told O'Brien he wanted to publish the photographs in a book. O'Brien then approached Waits, a friend of 30 years, about writing poetry to complement his work.

"They're hard photos to look at," he said. "[Waits] transformed the book in that he gave people an avenue to enter that world."

The title of "Hard Ground" is inspired by the first two lines of the book's first poem, "Seeds," which compares the homeless to seeds that have fallen on hard ground. Like the story of John Madden, the poem speaks to how lives that begin similarly can be drawn in radically different directions by circumstance.

During his documentation, O'Brien recorded the stories of the people he photographed, and the last three pages of the book are devoted to their words. One of the most moving stories comes from Stephen Blair, a 53-year-old homeless man from Vincent, Calif. Blair's picture is on the cover of "Hard Ground," and his eyes, framed by a worn, bearded face, stare out from the book jacket with a directness and vulnerability.

While being photographed, Blair told O'Brien that every other day at 5 p.m., he goes to a pay phone and waits for a call from his mother in Fort Worth.

"If the phone doesn't ring in five minutes, I know my mother isn't going to call, but she calls most of the time," he said, as quoted in the book.

For O'Brien, Blair's words stood out among those of the people he spoke with.

"It was such a beautiful story," O'Brien said. "It was the one I never forgot."

# Future of Internet rides on Senate, entrepreneurs

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By Allistair Pinsof

## Save the Internet!

Remember when the Internet was a place run without corporations getting in the way of the user experience? Can you recall a time when your Internet provider didn't make exclusive deals with Yahoo that, in turn, made Google inaccessible to you?

Of course you can, this is the way the Internet has always been and how we imagined it always would be. However, Wednesday, the House of Representatives took the first step in changing the Internet as we know it, by winning a 15-8 vote that will strip away the rules that once kept the Internet open and free to all.

Telecommunication companies that would be affected by the rules, such as AT&T and Comcast, have collectively lobbied millions for representatives since the late 1990s. Two-hundred-and-one lobbyists are against net neutrality, while 118 have been hired to keep corporations away from regulating Internet access, according to a 2010 report by the Center for Responsive Politics.

The problem is that "net neu-

trality" is not a concept understood by the public, even though it applies to all Internet users. In its essence, net neutrality legally keeps Internet providers from discriminating the sites, content and connection users have access to. In other words, you can log in to Google or Yahoo with the same connection, speed and accessibility. It's your right.

If the Senate and president agree with the House in barring the Federal Communications Commission from applying net neutrality, corporations will change how we access the Internet for the worse. Imagine logging into Google and being redirected to Yahoo, because your Internet provider, say Comcast, made a deal with Yahoo that allows them to ban access to all other Internet search engines.

This may soon be possible. Now, imagine this applied to every site you visit on a day-to-day basis. Imagine Facebook running as if we were back in 1995 with dial-up modems, because CEO Mark Zuckerberg didn't pay Comcast when they asked.

Amazon, Facebook and Google are among the most visited websites because of their innovative ideas and user-friendly design. Now, websites and startups, such as Austin's Gowalla, will have to

worry about appeasing their corporate overlords. The end user, once valued above all, will be low on the totem pole.

Here's the good news: President Barack Obama has the end user in mind.

In a YouTube interview on Feb. 1, 2010, he said: "We don't want to create a bunch of gateways that prevent somebody who doesn't have a lot of money but has a good idea from being able to start their next YouTube or their next Google on the Internet."

For Internet users who want the free and open internet to live on, write to your senators and tell them to keep net neutrality alive.

## A Long Drive for Someone with Nothing to Blog About

The next great web business may be heading to Austin, at 60 mph, as you read this.

StartupBus is a programming and entrepreneurship challenge that pits six teams, stationed on a bus heading toward Austin, against each other in an effort to create the next great idea and build a startup company and site around it in 48 hours.

"The StartupBus journey goes from anticipation, to vision and product definition, through argu-

ments and negotiations, the agony of last-minute regressions and the glory of a successful launch," wrote Mick Johnson, one of the 25 competitors in last year's competition, on the startupbus.com blog Sunday. "Learning to focus only on what matters as you hurtle towards a fixed launch deadline: to me that's the very DNA of a startup."

For the competition's second year, buses are came back to Austin from all around the country (New York and Miami among other cities) with 38 people spread across six teams. Yesterday they arrived in Austin and Monday evening they will display their finished product at South By Southwest to a panel of investors. The winning team will receive funding for their startup, based on the progress they made during their road trip.

The competition also features its own stock market where users can sign in and invest in companies with play money. It's an absurd premise that displays just how quickly a site can be conceived and launched in 2011, give or take a couple dozen Red Bulls. It's humbling to think back to a time when laptops couldn't even receive a wireless symbol within city limits.

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"She's really creative and great at sewing," said Lilly Smith, a friend and helper in the Treasure City Thrift Store's fashion show. "I could never come up with half the things she comes up with."

Hopson distinguishes her designs from others with her recycling of old clothes and fabrics to create a new final product. Starting from both her need to minimize costs and her love of thrift stores, reusing clothes has pushed her creativity because she has to mold her initial ideas around the fabrics.

"It just seemed really wasteful to buy things new," Hopson said. "Recycling is better for the environment and a more unique way

to represent yourself. When you buy something from the thrift store, no one else has it"

Last year, Hopson expanded the reach of her designs by selling them on Etsy. She said the website allows her the flexibility to design at her own pace, and she is already one-tenth of the way through her goal of selling 60 pieces this year.

Although she focuses on studio art while at UT and has been making clothes for years, she still feels the thrill of stitching together a new outfit from a pile of fabrics.

"I love sewing," Hopson said. "It's just something I've done for a really long time so I don't go home and watch TV after school, I just want to go and sew some stuff."

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ed up learning about the village life. With that knowledge alongside research done while visiting her grandmother in the same region, she rewrote much of the story. Although the myths that lurk in the novel are largely fictional, they have their origins in the stories she heard as young child in former Yugoslavia where she lived until fleeing from the war with her family at 7 years old.

Because of Obreht's immersion into "The Tiger's Wife," it's been difficult to let go. She kept a corkboard filled with her research and character notes long after she completed revisions. The publicity blitz for the novel serves as a chance to gradually

WHAT: Téa Obreht book tour

WHERE: BookPeople

WHEN: Tonight, 7 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free

let go and to have the story itself enrapture readers.

"Slowly, you stop thinking about revisions and changes to make," Obreht said. "Characters begin to drift away; they become a part of the world that is whole, not perfect, but that is whole in the novel. And it's gone; it's out of your hands."

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## Novel follows young woman facing death of grandfather

By Christopher Nguyen  
Daily Texan Staff

In the last year, Téa Obreht made The New Yorker's 20 best writers under 40 (the youngest one to do so — she's 25) and earned the critical adoration most writers don't even see a fraction of all before the release of a novel. Now, after "The Tiger's Wife" debuted on Tuesday, Obreht can finally call herself a novelist. But the whirlwind doesn't stop there as she embarks on a book tour with a stop at BookPeople on March 15.

At its most basic level, "The Tiger's Wife" tells the story of a young woman in the Balkans grappling with the death of her grandfather while trying to inoculate children in a village. The driving forces of the novel are the myths and fables that illuminate her grandfather's past and her future. Having its origins from when she was completing her MFA at Cornell, "The Tiger's Wife" was ill-received in its initial stages as a short story about a young girl who performs with a tiger. As Obreht expanded upon her story though, her grandfather passed away.

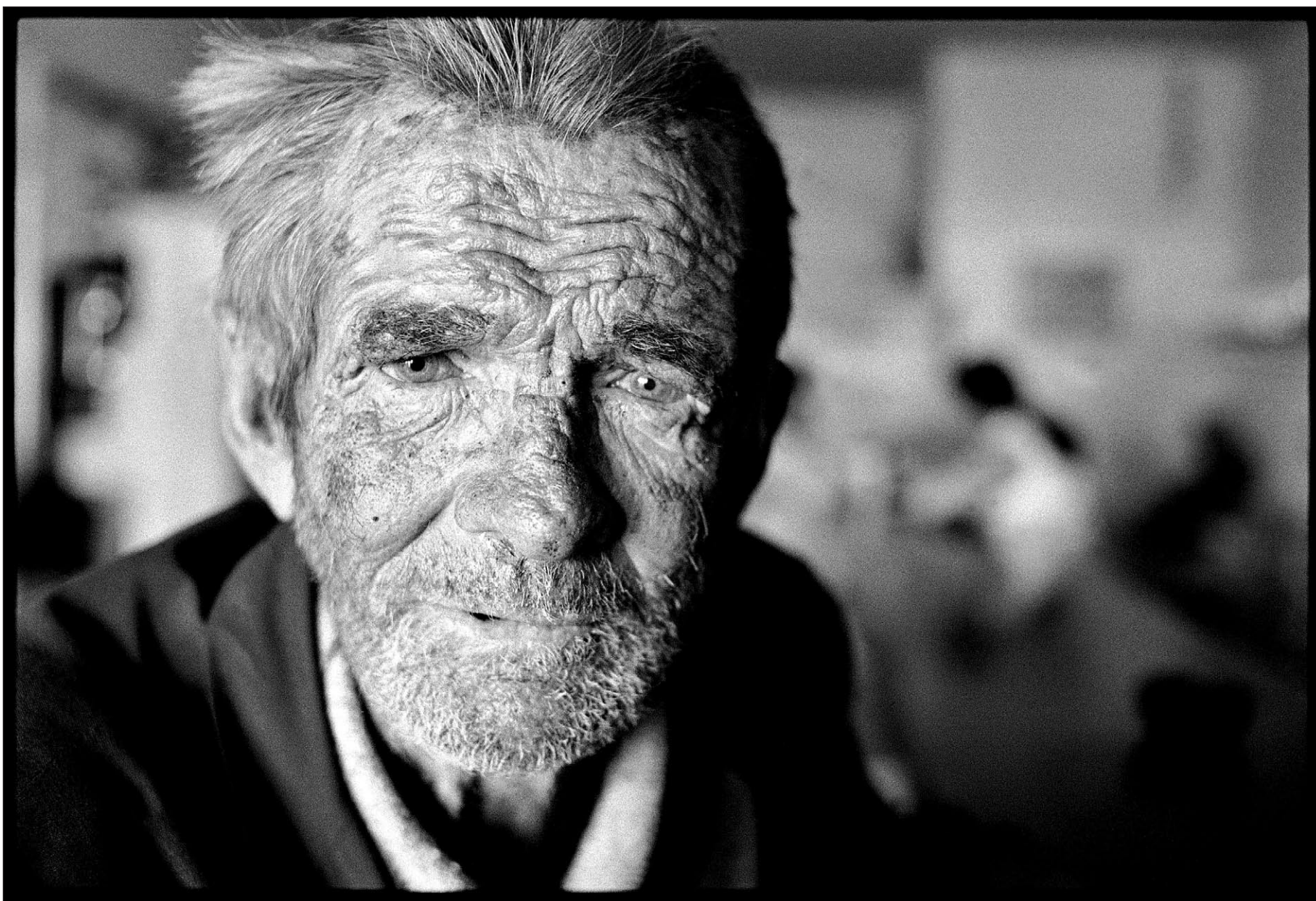
"I think your identity as a writer changes over time," Obreht said. "It made sense that what I wrote about was what I was going through at the time and reflected on childhood and family. Even though there is little of it that is autobiographical, it still reflects the sensibility of the writer."

Her feelings of grief and eventual acceptance of the death provided a larger focus and allowed her widen the world of the story.

"What I ended up finding was that the short story as it stood wasn't the right scope for the story I wanted to tell," she said.

While still working on the novel, Obreht went to the Balkans to write a piece for Harper's Magazine about vampires in the Balkans and end-

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Courtesy of University of Texas Press

Michael O'Brien's book "Hard Ground" incorporates poems by singer-songwriter Tom Waits to accompany the touching black-and-white photographs of the homeless around Austin.

## capturing homelessness

By Clayton Wickham

For photographer Michael O'Brien, the long road that led to the recent publication of "Hard Ground," a book documenting homelessness in Austin, began by a drainpipe under a Miami expressway in 1975. There, O'Brien, a young photographer for the Miami News at the time, befriended a middle-aged homeless man named John Madden and began documenting his life with a 35mm camera.

Thirty-one years later in 2006, O'Brien re-entered the world of the homeless and began doing photo portraits of people at homeless church services and shelters in Austin. Eighty-four of these portraits along with 22 poems about homelessness by singer-songwriter Tom Waits make up the book "Hard Ground," released March 1 by the University of Texas Press. Together, O'Brien's intimate, unsettling photographs and Wait's poetry seek to capture the trials of homelessness and the conditions of those

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Fashion designer Geneva Hopson waits as her model, Jasmine, shows off part of an outfit Hopson created for the BurdaStyle DIY Fashion Show. Hopson is one of 15 designers that will showcase her work at the Texas Style Council Conference on March 12.

## Art student enters 'DIY Fashion Show'

By Christopher Nguyen  
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As a middle schooler, Geneva Hopson knew she didn't want to blend into the hallways filled with Abercrombie sweatshirts and American Eagle jeans. She had already formed her own style and wanted the clothes to match. So she literally took it into her own hands and began sewing her own clothes by hand.

"In my family, there has always been an emphasis on homemade things," said Hopson, studio art sophomore. "Everyone in my family is really creative and artistic and that inspired me to find my own ways to be artistic."

Eventually, she asked her parents for a sewing machine and taught herself how to use it. With the machine and growing technical skills, including using patterns, she could

make clothes that were much more adventurous than her initial designs.

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This originality gave her the opportunity to take part in Saturday's BurdaStyle DIY Fashion Show at

the Texas Style Council Conference, which brings together fashion designers, bloggers and journalists to strengthen the Austin fashion scene. Hopson will be among 15 designers with the chance to show off their independently crafted designs at the conference's finale.

Hopson's aesthetic builds upon 1950s silhouettes, patterns and other vintage styles to create comfortable and flattering clothing with delicate details, such as lace, that soften the look. Many of the pieces include high-waisted pants and colorful, playful patterns, such as floral and stripes, on her skirts and dresses.

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